

Eminent Domain Task Force Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18, 2005
State Capitol – Hearing Room 7

Chairman Terry Jarrett called the meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Eminent Domain to order at 10:08 am on Thursday, August 4, 2005.

Roll call was conducted. Task Force members present were Terry Jarrett, Chris Goodson, Gerard Carmody, Senator Chuck Gross, Representative Steve Hobbs, Spencer Thomson (via phone), Leslie Holloway, Lewis Mills and Howard Wright.

Mr. Jarrett asked if the minutes from the last meeting were approved. Representative Hobbs moved to approve and Gerry Carmody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jarrett announced that there is now a link on the Missouri State Homepage website for Eminent Domain at www.mo.gov. Minutes from the Task Force meetings will be posted along with Public Notices and contact information. From this link the public can email comments and testimony. There were some problems with the email but it is up and running now.

Senator Gross provided the Task Force with some information from various states and what they have been doing.

Mr. Jarrett announced that public testimony would now begin and reiterated how important this testimony is to the Task Force. He asked that each person submit written testimony along with their oral testimony and try to keep their testimony at five minutes. Mr. Jarrett will call names in order from the sign-up sheet. Fifty witnesses provided testimony to the Task Force.

The Public Testimony concluded at 7:05 p.m. The Task Force appreciates all the witnesses and their patience and courtesy.

Following the public testimony, the Task Force discussed the next meeting. It was decided that they would divide into working groups to discuss the four topics of those groups: Urban, Rural, Legislative and Procedural. Once the working groups have finished their discussions, the Task Force will reconvene. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., September 1, 2005, in House Hearing Room 7.

The meeting was adjourned.